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In re Application of:

Engel

Serial No.: 10/795,853

Filed: March 8, 2004

Title: Process For Manufacture Of An Optical  
Transmission Element With Several  
Dry And Compressible Filling Elements  
As Well As Optical Transmission Element

Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: N/A

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing of the application, but, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

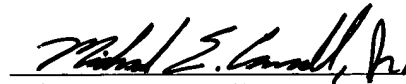
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